--14. A method according to claim 13, wherein the two sensor signals are supplied to a logic circuit, a finding is made with the logic circuit on the basis of at least one sensor signal as to whether the exhaust gas mixture lies in a first or second exhaust gas mixture range, an output signal is outputted in response to the finding, said output signal being dependent only on the first sensor signal in the first exhaust gas mixture range and being dependent only on the second sensor signal and the second exhaust gas mixture range.--

--15. A method according to claim 14, wherein an indirect supply of sensor signals to the logic circle comprises the sensor signals being amplified.--

--16. A method according to claim 15, wherein the sensor signals are also digitalized.--

--17. A method according to claim 14, wherein an indirect supply of the sensor signals to the logic circle comprises the sensor signals being digitalized.

Claim 12, line 1, change "9" to read --13--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 12-17 are presented for examination.

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors and to supply headings. The claims have been amended to place them in form for examination in the United States Patent Office.

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It is respectfully submitted that these amendments do not change the findings of the Preliminary Examination Report of July 17, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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